## CHAPTER 13 FORMERLY HOUSE BILL NO. 9 AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1

## AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE SANITARY PROTECTION OF ALL DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES WHICH ARE FURNISHED TO AND USED BY THE PUBLIC.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend §122(3)c.1., Title 16 of the Delaware Code, by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

1. No public water system shall operate without a duly licensed public water supply operator. The Department shall have the authority to exempt the owners of seasonal public water systems, restaurants, hotels and similar businesses from the requirement to operate with a licensed public water supply operator. The Department shall have the exclusive power to grant or deny any such license and shall adopt regulations setting the requirements, including any acceptable performance or an examination for obtaining and retaining any such license. The Department shall assess an annual licensure fee of \$50 per operator.

<u>A. The Department shall create an Advisory Council to assist the Secretary in implementing the requirements of 122(3)c.1.</u>

B. The Department shall have the authority to create a temporary variance program for water systems upon the loss of their operator.

C. All decisions of the Secretary with regard to issuance or renewal of a variance pursuant to 122(3)c.1.B. of this section shall be final and conclusive. Where the applicant for issuance or renewal of a variance is in disagreement with the action of the Secretary, such applicant may appeal the Secretary's decision to the Superior Court within 30 days of the postmarked date of the copy of the decision mailed to the holder. The appeal shall be decided on the record and shall proceed as provided in §§ 10142-10145 of Title 29.

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